

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – April 19, 2012
Town Manager’s Conference Room – Danvers Town Hall, One Sylan Street, Danvers, MA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski, at the Danvers Town Hall in the Town Manager’s Conference Room at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Dr. Kellard, Member; Martha Swindell, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health. Ms. Molly Buccini was also present from the Danvers Patch.

ADMINISTRATIVE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kellard motioned to approve the March 1, 2012 meeting minutes. Ms. Swindell seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

HAZARDOUS WASTE UPDATE – 33 Water St

A PowerPoint presentation, originally presented by Mass DEP & US EPA was presented for the Board of Health.

Mr. Kowalski asked if there was any contamination underneath the condominiums. Mirandi replied that testing was not done but there may be. On April 26, 2012, the EPA will start cleaning up the soils. Wayne Marquis wrote a letter of support with the hope being that the site will make a Superfund list for Federal funding. It is a complex process. Mr. Mirandi’s recommendation is to try to keep the public involved and be able to answer any questions that they may have during this process. Ms. Swindell asked if there were any increased cancers in this area reported. Mr. Mirandi replied that it is not near a well and there are no facts of this affecting people at this time.

Mr. Mirandi is recommending that the Board of Health send a letter with the same fact sheet that the Feds delivered door to door recently. The letter would let the abutters know that they could come to the Board of Health with any questions. Mr. Mirandi will draft a letter and send it to the Board on Monday so that they can approve of it. Mr. Mirandi would like to get this mailed out to all of the abutters Monday afternoon or Tuesday.

Ms. Swindell stated that she had visited the site and wondered what were in the 2 sealed barrels inside the fenced area.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PERMITS AND LICENSING

Mr. Mirandi reported that a total of 232 Food Establishment Permits have been issued. Mirandi added that Inspector Mark Carleo has followed up on all of the delinquent permits. Mr. Mirandi stated that the food safety inspections are conducting inspections. Mr. Mirandi also added that we are working on the following permits: Funeral Directors, Recreation Camps, Septage Haulers & Pool Permits.

Ms. Swindell asked if the recreation programs are also permitted? Mr. Mirandi stated that the programs are exempt but we do make sure that they are following regulations and policies.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. Mirandi stated that there were 9 complaints reported; 5 complaints are pending from the previous month.

Hi-lighted cases include the following:

Housing Complaint at 25 Conant Street – This property has lead paint and there are children under six years old there. The daughter lives in California and doesn’t seem to be doing anything about it. This looks like it will be headed to court.

Days Inn – There will be a meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2012 with the Building Inspector, and the Senior & Social Services Director. Mr. Mirandi wants to make sure that safety and sanitary conditions are being met. There are approximately 100 families living here and over 100 children in our Danvers Schools.

11 Pleasant Street – This on-going hoarding issue is being monitored on a weekly basis and the owner is slowly cleaning up the property.

Noise from Condenser Unit – We’ve not heard from the woman with this complaint since they had the condominium owners hire contractors to look at what was causing this noise. The problem could possibly be resolved.

Rodents – Rodent sightings just started coming in.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT

Mr. Mirandi stated that he had met with Nurse Christina O’Shea. Nurse O’Shea has been cleaning out files and stocking up the emergency preparedness trailer. She is also working with Ruth Price on the Sun Safety day at the Senior Center. Nurse O’Shea is up from 55 to 68 people that come in for blood pressure and sugar testing. Ms. Swindell asked if someone could volunteer to help administer blood pressures. Mr. Mirandi stated that Nurse O’Shea was notified that the Town would be getting at least the same amount of flu vaccine that we got last year. We administered 490 flu vaccines this past flu season. There have only been 2 confirmed cases of the flu this year. Mr. Mirandi added that there was another outbreak of the norovirus at a long-term skilled nursing facility, there were no deaths. This was the fourth (4th) outbreak this season.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Mr. Mirandi reported the following diseases: There was 3 diseases reported since the last meeting on March 1, 2012: 1 Influenza and 2 Salmonellosis cases. The Salmonellosis cases were a mother and a daughter who traveled to Jamaica, both came back with Salmonellosis.

	Since Last Meeting (12/01/11)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2011)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Anaplasmosis	0	4
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	0	7
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium Difficile	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	0

Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	0
Group A Strept	0	1
Group B Strept	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	2
Hepatitis C	0	5
Influenza	1	2
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	0	2
Malaria	0	0
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0
Salmonellosis	2	0
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	0	1
Toxoplasma IGG	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	1
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	3	25

Mr. Kowalski asked about Lyme Disease. He noticed a decline in these reports lately. Mr. Mirandi stated that tickborne diseases are followed up by the DPH Lab.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mirandi provided the annual Best Practices Plan for Danvers from the Northeast Mosquito Control Program. The plan consists primarily of surveillance and targeted larvaecide in our storm basins for known disease carrying species. To Ms. Swindell's inquiry, Mr. Mirandi replied, that traps are still used routinely for surveillance purposes. Dr. Kellard stated that the studies of spraying kills the bugs for only a couple of hours, it has no residual effect. He also noted that the ticks are bad right now and was curious if there was a Best Practice for tick control. Mr. Mirandi stated that pesticides that kill ticks are quite toxic. It is common practice, and safer for humans and the environment, to carefully remove ticks after outdoor activities.

ANIMAL HEALTH

Mr. Mirandi reported that the number of cats in Strays in Need is down. There was one dog bite since the last meeting. Ms. Swindell reported that she observed dog waste while walking the rail trail.

TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

Mr. Mirandi reported that he is hoping to have someone from Tobacco Control at one of our upcoming meetings. Ms. Swindell stated that she has heard more about the e-cigarette on the television.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

44 Maple Street Dumpsters

Mr. Mirandi informed the Board that he was not able to go by the Dunkin Donuts dumpster to see if it was put up on legs as promised to the Board. Mr. Kowalski stated that they do have the screens and recommended that we do not push the issue of putting the legs on the dumpsters.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Dr. Kellard motioned to adjourn. Ms. Swindell seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Janell Powers
Board of Health Clerk